

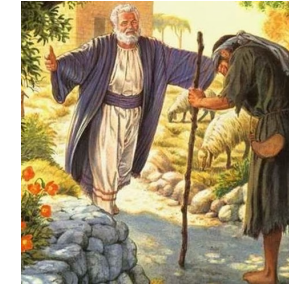


St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church Tweed Heads

Our Vision: Transforming lives through Jesus Christ.
Our Mission: Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ,
Making disciples and Growing faith communities.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
27TH MARCH 2022

W E L C O M E



- 1 Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven: whose iniquity is put away.
- 2 **Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame: and in whose spirit there is no guile.**
- 3 For whilst I held my tongue: my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.
- 4 **Your hand was heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you: and my iniquity I did not hide;
- 6 **I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord': and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**
- 7 For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble: and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.
- 8 **You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble: you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**
- 9 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go: I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.
- 10 **'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding: whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'**
- 11 Great tribulations remain for the ungodly: but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.
- 12 **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad: and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.**

Sentence: God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5.18

Collect: God of compassion,
you are slow to anger, and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts:
receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you,
and seat them at your bountiful table,
that, with all your children,
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies
the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Today:

Joshua 5: 2-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21; Luke 15: 11-32

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Weekly Service:

Sunday 9.00am, Wednesday 10.00am

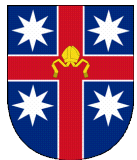
A Parish Prayer for Growth

God of Mission, Who alone brings growth to your Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, and Power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Diocesan Prayer



God in whom we live, and move and have our being,
we thank you for Jesus Christ who is the Good News.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to be people
who transform lives, make disciples and grow communities,
that your glory may be revealed in all creation.
We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Readings for 3rd April 2022 — Fifth Sunday in Lent
Isiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 3-14; John 12: 1-8

Reflection

Today we read St Luke's well-known parable of the prodigal son, although the writer Barbara Brown Taylor has described it as the 'parable of the dysfunctional family – a story about a weak patriarch with an absentee wife and two rebellious sons he seems unable to control, who is willing to sacrifice his honour to keep his community together'. A younger son does the unthinkable and asks his father for his inheritance well before his death. Once the son possessed his newly gained wherewithal, the money was soon frittered away in the fleshpots of the Gentile world. The son then had to earn some money in order to live. He gained a job as an assistant to some swineherds – the lowest of the low, and hardly a good job for any self-respecting Jew. On coming home, he addressed his father formally and with respect. His father rejoiced, clothed the son in fine clothing and ordered that a feast be held. Meanwhile, on returning from the field, the elder son heard the hubbub and asked a slave what was going on. The answer enraged him and he took his father to task, addressing him without respect or even acknowledging that the prodigal is his brother. The father's answer to the elder son is likely to be regarded as problematic by anyone with a parent who plays favourites. Nonetheless, the story does make us wonder, as the Canadian theologian Chris Haslam notes, 'at the end of the era, will godly people be ready to be joyous in sharing the Kingdom with reformed sinners and a God who loves them?'

- Lord, may I always come back to you in repentance if I wander away. May I always demonstrate love and fairness to others, not assuming that either are evident. May I put all bitterness aside so that joy can fill my life.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of South India, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.



Singing Group

Singing Group will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month. Our next rehearsal is Thursday 14th April. Starting at 4.00pm. Any queries please see Tricia Townend.

Craft / Friendship Group

An Afternoon Tea has been organised for Monday 4th April at Tweed Heads South Sports Club at 1.00pm. Any queries please see Margaret Blaney.

Scrabble Group

Will resume in the New Year with a date to be advised. Any queries please see Barbara Marr

Personal Notes

Years Mind: 27th Victoria Baker, 30th Geoff Olney

Give thanks for the life of: Anne Davies



Prayer List

The following people are in need of our prayers at this time:

Bill Wordsworth, Neil Callaghan, Alan Hampson, Louise Talbot, Kevin Turner, Bryan Osborne, Alan Wyatt, Wendy Crook, Anne Davies, Marie Gill, Betty Hagen, Betty Bell, John French, Daphne Hawtin, Fay Flaherty, Loretta Flaherty, Joy Kendrick, Iris Pyle, Jacqueline Kerr, Val Chapman, Barbara, Cressa Bartosek, Margaret Dudgeon, Trish Hooley, Cliff Boyd, Janis Hepburn, Wynn Gilliland, Christine Charlton, Brian Scrase, Colin Hawtin, Nancy Walker, Mervyn Fitzpatrick, Elan, Robyn Hobson, Tony de Kievit.

Our Church is committed to protecting your privacy. People on this list have requested prayer. Please contact the Parish Office for any changes to the Prayer List

Coming up in 2022

Sunday	3 rd April	@ 4.30pm	Spiritual Gym @ Lindisfarne Mahers Lane (4.30pm Refreshments, 5.00pm Service)
Sunday	10 th April	@ 9.00am	Palm Sunday Lindisfarne will be joining us
Sunday	17 th April	@ 9.00am	Easter Day
Sunday	24 th April	@ 10.30am	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	27 th April	TBA	Alpha Course Begins (Adult introduction to Christianity)
Fri-Sun	17 th -19 th June		Diocese Synod
Sunday	23 rd October	@ 9.00am	Bishop Murray will be joining us
Sat-Sun	5 th -6 th November		Diocese Governance Conference

Easter Services Times

14th April	Maunday Thursday	9.00am
15th April	Good Friday	9.00am
17th April	Easter Day	6.00am, 9.00am

ABM Lenten Appeal and Easter Appeal

Envelopes have been placed in the Pew Bulletins for these appeals.

COVID-19 Update - Current Restrictions in Place as of the 25th February

Face Masks are recommended but not mandatory. Social distancing is recommended but there are no limits on attendance. Morning Tea will continue in the Breezeway, after regular Sunday Worship. Please feel free to call Parish Office on 07 5536 1060 if you have any queries.

Stewardship

New Stewardship envelopes are now available at the rear of the church. They are dated for one year beginning in April 2022

Mothers Union Members Please Note.

The meeting in the church on Wednesday 6th April at 10.30am to pack Easter eggs has been cancelled because of the mid-week service and Bible study. We will advise of an alternative time before long. In the meantime, would you please bring your eggs to church over the next three weeks. A basket will be placed at the back of the church for you to put your eggs into. Many thanks.

Bush Church Aid - Money Boxes



Thank you to everyone who has returned their BCA boxes this month, we will be reconciling the total amount at the end of March, any late boxes will be held over to the September count. Some parishioners have requested direct deposit details for BCA which is as follows: **BSB 032008 Account 000706** Please use St. Cuthbert's Tweed Heads 7 digit supporter number **BQ00039** as reference when donating online. Thank you. Mission Secretary.

Supporting our Parish Ministry

A Big Thank You to All who financially support our Parish either at Worship or electronically. We now have a new Bank Account with the Commonwealth Bank.

If you would like to contribute electronically to the mission and ministry of our Parish, you can use the following account. Direct Debiting to our St Cuthbert's Parish Account

Name: ST CUTHBERT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA TWEED HEADS
BSB: 064410
Account No.: 10395636

Please call Rev. Dway on 07 5536 1060 or Treasurer Margaret Bishop on 0413 993 923 if you have any queries, or would like to discuss this further.